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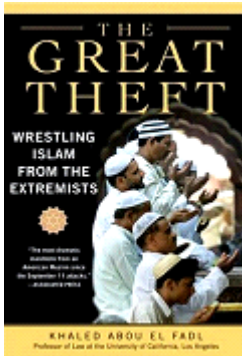
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MEDIA ADVISORY

Embassy Presents Azerbaijani Translation of “The Great Theft”

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Ambassador Matthew Bryza, Zeyno Baran Bryza and author Dr. Khaled Abou El Fadl will take part in the presentation of the Azerbaijani translation of *The Great Theft: Wrestling Islam from the Extremists* at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 26.

The Great Theft describes the opposing ideologies of the “Moderates” and “Puritans” of the Islamic faith. The book explores the origin and development of contemporary puritanical ideologies. It also looks at the significant differences between Moderates and Puritans on specific issues, ranging from view on democracy, human rights, women's roles, Jihad and terrorism.

The presentation will take place at the American Center located at the Azerbaijan University of Languages (60 R. Behbudov str.). Dr. Abou El Fadl will be presenting his book via video conference from the University of California, Los Angeles, where he teaches and does research. The Baku audience will include the experts in Islamic law, representatives of the Parliament, the State Committee on Work with Religious Organizations and different religious confessions. Mrs. Zeyno Baran Bryza will monitor the event. She has authored books on related topics, including last year's *The Other Muslims: Moderate and Secular* (published by Palgrave).

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